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# **CAMPAIGN FINANCE DIVISION**

DATE: 6/2/2021 DOCKET #:

### FILER INFORMATION

Name: Laurie White Adams

Office: Councilman, Metro District 11

Parish: EAST BATON ROUGE Election Date: 11/3/2020 Level of Office: District 16445 Ridgely Road Beten Rouge, LA 70809-3275

### REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: 10-G

Original Due Date: 11/25/2020

Date Filed: 12/3/2020 Activity Receipts: \$4,000.00

Expenditures: \$21,106.37

Funds at Close of Reporting Period: \$2,402.23

### LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$480

Days Late: 8

Late Fee Order Received: 3/13/2021

Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 4/2/2021

Waiver Request Received: 3/22/2021 Additional Information Requested:

- Medical

- Financial

- Other

COMMENTS: Candidate hand delivered her waiver request and states that she does not dispute that the report was filed late but states that since she won the election in the primary, she thought that since she was not running in the general election that she was not required to file the 10-G. When she was informed of the problem she corrected it immediately.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Campaign Finance:

Other Outstanding Reports: No Other Outstanding Late Fees: No

Prior Late Fees: No

Reassessed Late Fees: No

**Disclosure Statements:** 

Other Outstanding Late Fees: No

Prior Late Fees: No

## Laurie White Adams 10445 Ridgely Road Baton Rouge, LA 70809

March 18, 2021

Attn: Melissa Horn Louisiana Board of Ethics P. O. Box 4368 Baton Rouge, LA 70821

Via Hand Delivery on 3-22-2021

Re:

Late Fee Assessment for the November 3, 2020 Election

10-G Campaign Finance Disclosure Report filed 8 days late - Request for Waiver or Reduction

Dear Ms. Horn:

I am in receipt of your certified letter dated February 24, 2021 on the above referenced matter. Please note that I did not receive the letter until March 15 2021, and as such, my response is well within the 20 day response window.

I do not dispute that the above described report was filed late, but for the reasons stated below, I hereby request a waiver of the \$480 penalty or in the alternative, a reduction in the amount.

Although I watched the required video from the Louisiana Ethics Administration Program website, and further, enlisted the help of a volunteer, who also watched the video, the required filing schedule is a bit confusing and we did not realize that this report needed to be filed at that time. More particularly, since I won my race in the primary which took place on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, I thought that since I was not running in the general election, I did not have to file the 10 day before general election report at all. It is on the basis of this misunderstanding, the fact that when informed of the problem I corrected it immediately, and the fact that this is my first time to make such a mistake, that I am requesting a waiver of the penalty.

If the penalty cannot be waived, I request that it be reduced in light of the fact that as soon as I was made aware that the date had been missed, the report was filed on the very same day.

I do not wish to make an appearance before the Ethics Board, but if additional information is needed, please feel free to call me at (225) 235-1554 or email me at <a href="mailto:laurieadams70@gmail.com">laurieadams70@gmail.com</a>.

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